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11. ☒ **PLEASE AMEND** the specification before its first line by inserting as a separate paragraph:  
a. ☒ -This application is the national phase of international application PCT/JP01/04027 filed 15 May 2001 which designated the U.S. *Which claims foreign priority of JP143039/2000, filed May 16, 2000.*  
b. ☐ -This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.
12. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)), i.e., before 18th month from first priority date above in item 3, are transmitted herewith (file only if in English) including:
13. ☒ PCT Article 19 claim amendments (if any) have been transmitted by the International Bureau
14. ☐ Translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)), i.e., of claim amendments made before 18th month, is attached (required by 20th month from the date in item 3 if box 4(a) above is X'd, or 30th month if box 4(b) is X'd, or else amendments will be considered canceled).
15. **A declaration of the inventor** (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))  
a. ☒ is submitted herewith ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy  
b. ☐ is not herewith, but will be filed when required by the forthcoming PTO Missing Requirements Notice per Rule 494(c) if box 4(a) is X'd or Rule 495(c) if box 4(b) is X'd.
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a. Was prepared by ☐ European Patent Office ☒ Japanese Patent Office ☐ Other  
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c. ☒ copy herewith (3 pg(s).) ☐ plus Annex of family members (\_\_\_\_ pg(s).).
17. **International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER):**  
a. ☐ has been transmitted (if this letter is filed after 28 months from date in item 3) in English by the International Bureau with Annexes (if any) in original language.  
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c.1 ☐ IPER Annex(es) in original language ("Annexes" are amendments made to claims/spec/drawings during Examination) including attached amended:  
c.2 ☐ Specification/claim pages #\_\_\_\_ claims #\_\_\_\_  
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d. ☐ Translation of Annex(es) to IPER (required by 30<sup>th</sup> month due date, or else annexed amendments will be considered canceled).
18. **Information Disclosure Statement** including:  
a. ☒ Attached Form PTO-1449 listing documents  
b. ☒ Attached copy of one (1) document listed on Form PTO-1449  
c. ☒ A concise explanation of relevance of ISR references is given in the ISR.
19. ☒ Assignment document and Cover Sheet for recording are attached. Please mail the recorded assignment document back to the person whose signature, name and address appear at the end of this letter
20. ☐ Copy of Power to IA agent
21. ☐ Drawings (complete only if 8d or 10a(4) not completed): \_\_\_\_ sheet(s) per set: ☐ 1 set informal;  
☐ Formal of size ☐ A4 ☐ 11"
22. Small Entity Status \* ☒ is **Not** claimed ☐ is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)
- 22(a) \_\_\_\_ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) enclosed (since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statements(s) not essential to make claim)
23. **Priority** is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on the priority claim and the certified copy, both filed in the International Application during the international stage based on the filing in (country) **JAPAN** of:  
Application No. Filing Date Application No. Filing Date  
(1) JP 143039/2000 16 May 2000 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
a. ☒ See Form PCT/IB/304 sent to US/DO with copy of priority documents. If copy has not been received, please proceed promptly to obtain same from the IB.  
b. ☒ Copy of Form PCT/IB/304 attached.